

**FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2011**

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
<b>9:00 a.m.: Legislative Business</b>  <b>Five "One Minutes" per side</b>	<b>11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>3:00 p.m.</b>

\*\*The GOP Leadership has announced that the House will not consider [H.R. 1249](#) – America Invents Act (Rep. Smith (TX) – Judiciary) this week. This is a change to the previously announced schedule.

**Complete consideration of [H.R. 2112](#) - Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012 (Rep. Kingston – Appropriations)** H.R. 2112 appropriates approximately \$17.25 billion for the Agriculture Department, related agencies and programs. The funding level is 23% below the President's FY12 request, 14% below the enacted level for 2011 and is even below funding levels for 2008.

This bill includes harmful cuts to many programs, including devastating cuts to the WIC program. It also includes an approximately 21% cut to the Commodity Supplemental Food Program which serves predominantly low-income seniors. In addition to nutrition programs, the bill has substantial cuts to International Food aid, as well as the FDA. It also includes a large, dangerous cut to the CFTC (Commodity Futures Trading Commission).

In addition to many draconian cuts, the bill includes dangerous language relating to the FDA's regulatory authority. The bill would change the standards which protect our food and medical products, requiring any agency to rely only on 'hard science' when regulating products. This would prohibit the consideration of consumer behavior and other valuable factors that are used when making regulations. This language has the potential to weaken regulations for tobacco and food products.

H.R. 2112 is a dangerous bill that furthers the Republican extremist ideological agenda, and hinders job growth.

As of last night, the House had completed reading through all titles in the bill. The House had completed debate on a number of amendments at the end of the bill and is expected to continue debating amendments at the end of the bill today.

The following amendments have recorded votes pending (14):

- **Pingree Amendment.** Relating to the use of funds for additional requirements proposed for "Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food"
- **Foxx Amendment.** Relating to the use of funds for "Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food"
- **Kind Amendment.** Relating to the use of funds for the Brazil Cotton Institute
- **Dingell Amendment.** Relating to FDA administrative expenses account
- **Jackson-Lee Amendment.** Relating to the reduction of the Agriculture buildings and facilities account
- **Gibson Amendment.** Relating to broadband loans
- **Blumenauer Amendment.** Relating to the use of funds for salaries and expenses of Agriculture personnel
- **King (IA) Amendment.** Relating to the use of funds for payments relating to the final settlement of claims from Pigford v. Glickman
- **King (IA) Amendment.** Relating the use of funds for mifepristone, commonly known as RU-486
- **Garrett Amendment.** Relating to the use of funds by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission
- **Jackson-Lee Amendment (#29).** Relating to the to the use of funds in contravention of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008
- **Scalise Amendment.** Relating to the implementation of the Departmental Regulation of the Department of Agriculture entitled "Policy Statement on Climate Change Adaptation"
- **Jackson-Lee Amendment (#28).** Relating to the to the use of funds in contravention of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act
- **Hirono Amendment.** Relating to flood control

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## The Daily Quote

"A majority of Senate Republicans appeared to break Tuesday with two decades of GOP orthodoxy against higher taxes, voting to advance a plan to abruptly cancel billions of dollars in annual tax credits for ethanol blenders. The measure, offered by Sen. Tom Coburn (R-Okla.), fell short of the 60 votes needed to overcome a filibuster threat. But it had the support of 34 of 47 Republicans, most of whom have signed an anti-tax pledge that specifically prohibits raising taxes by any means but economic growth. Coburn has argued forcefully that Republicans must abandon that pledge if they are serious about tackling the spiraling national debt. Though the Senate turned back his measure, he said the vote nonetheless marks the beginning of the end of GOP tolerance for wasteful giveaways through the tax code."

- The Washington Post, 6/15/11